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TAGS: MCAP, EFIN, MT, NATO

SUBJ: MALTA: SPECIAL PAYMENTS

REF: USNATO 5980

BEGIN SUMMARY: MALTA GROUP HAS AGREED ON PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED WITH REGARD TO SPECIAL PAYMENTS TO MALTA IN 1974.

ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTIONS PRIOR TO DECEMBER 20, 1973. END SUMMARY.

1. AT MEETING ON DECEMBER 13 MALTA GROUP AGREED ON THE FOLLOWING DRAFT TEXT OF A PO TO BE ISSUED BY SYG LUNS:

BEGIN TEXT: AT A RECENT MEETING OF THE AD HOC GROUP ON MALTA, THE FIVE ALLIED COUNTRIES WHICH MAKE STERLING PAYMENTS CONFIDENTIAL

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TO THE UNITED KINGDOM TOWARD THE ANNUAL 14 MILLION POUND PAYMENT TO MALTA UNDER THE EXISTING "UK-MALTA AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE USE OF MILITARY FACILITIES IN MALTA" DECLARED THEIR READINESS TO MAKE SPECIAL PAYMENTS TO MALTA FOR THE CALENDAR

YEAR 1974 COLLECTIVELY ON THE SAME BASIS AND IN THE SAME MANNER AS IN 1973. THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED PROPOSED TO CONVEY THEIR INTENTION TO THE MALTESE AUTHORITIES THROUGH THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO MALTA, BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR. THE NEXT INSTALLMENT OF THE SPECIAL PAYMENTS IS FORESEEN ON 14 MAY, 1974.

PROVIDED I DO NOT HEAR TO THE CONTRARY BY 12 NOON ON 20 DECEMBER, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SILENT PROCEDURE IT WILL BE ASSUMED THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVES THE ACTION OF THE FIVE CONTRIBUTING COUNTRIES. END TEXT

2. WITH REGARD TO THE MANNER IN WHICH THIS DECISION WILL BE CONVEYED TO THE MALTESE AUTHORITIES THE AD HOC GROUP AGREED THAT AMB. GETZ SHOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO SAY THE FOLLOWING:

BEGIN QUOTE ON BHALF OF THE FIVE COUNTRIES WHO MADE SPECIAL PAYMENTS TO MALTA IN 1973, I AM AUTHORIZED TO REFERED TO THEIR MEMORANDUM OF 28 MARCH 1973, AND TO INFORM YOU THAT THEY HAVE AGREED TO MAKE SPECIAL PAYMENTS TO MALTA FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 1974 COLLECTIVELY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THAT MEMORANDUM. END QUOTE.

3. CONCERNING TIMING AND PROCEDURES OF THIS COMMUNICATION THE MALTA GROUP PREFERS THAT AMB. GETZ NOT TAKE INITIATIVE TO CONVEY THE ABOVE INFORMATION TO THE GOM BEFORE DECEMBER 25 BUT OTHERWISE LEAVES TO HIS DISCRETION WHEN, BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR, THE INFORMATION SHOULD BE CONVEYED. THE GROUP ALSO LEAVES TO AMB. GETZ' DISCRETION WHETHER TO TRANSMIT THE ABOVE MESSAGE TO THE GOM IN WRITING AS WELL AS ORALLY.

4. EXACT TEXT OF PO WHEN ISSUED WILL BE REPORTED ONLY IF THERE IS SUBSTANTIAL VARIANCE WITH THE ABOVE DRAFT. COMMENTS FROM EMBASSY VALLETTA WOULD BE APPRECIATED. REQUEST DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTIONS PRIOR TO DECEMBER 20, 1973. RUMSFELD

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